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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with [redacted]
re Letters of Authorization for Military Personnel

1. On 25 April, the undersigned handcarried Letters of Authorization for all Detachment "A" military personnel to [redacted] with the request that the Letters of Authorization be prepared for delivery to the Processing Team upon their departure from Washington at 1200 noon, 26 April.

2. We discussed two provisions of the Letters of Authorization which the Project would like to have included:

a. The granting of civilian per diem allowances in lieu of military per diem rates.

b. The provision of storage of privately owned automobiles at Agency expense.

Messrs. [redacted] raised the points that the granting of these provisions ~~manifestly~~ contravene the spirit and the provisions of CIA Regulation [redacted] and also raised the question of whether or not military personnel may lawfully receive such additional compensation. [redacted] requested that we staff out both suggestions and secure the approval of the Deputy Director (Support), (acting for the DCI), on the theory that the DCI has established the policy of [redacted] and the DCI can therefore change the policy of [redacted]. This does not, of course, establish the legality of the individual to receive such additional compensation.

3. In view of the time element involved with the departure of the processing team and the imminent departure of the individuals concerned for their overseas station, we requested [redacted] to draft Letters of Authorization in accordance with the check lists submitted to him, leaving out our suggestion for storage of automobiles and a change in per diem rates to those of the civilian Regulation. If it proves feasible at some time in the future to make such arrangement, we will then request [redacted] to amend the basic Letters of Authorization. We attempted to contact [redacted] by telephone for an informal opinion as to whether or not these two items might be considered by the Air Force as "additional compensation", but we were unable to reach [redacted].

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